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Intelligence Catalogue

1. On 29 June 1947, Foreign Documents Branch, Office of Operations, assumed responsibility for the intelligence exploitation of captured German military documents in the custody of the Department of the Army. In connection with this exploitation, Foreign Documents Branch took on the function of "preparing information abstracts and compiling and maintaining an index (known as the GMDS Intelligence Catalogue) of all items of intelligence value" contained in such documents.

2. The majority of the pertinent documents in the GMDS collection have now been screened, and items have been abstracted and indexed on Intelligence Catalogue cards. The flow of captured German documents currently being received by the Department of the Army is greatly reduced. The value of Intelligence Catalogue material from the small number of remaining documents is believed insignificant in comparison to material which would be available if more current German-language documents could be adequately exploited.

3. FDB/CO proposes to discontinue the preparation of Intelligence Catalogue material and devote that effort to the exploitation of current documents of pertinent intelligence value. It should be noted that the German Military Documents Section, in the Departmental Records Branch of the Office of the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, will have a complete file of the Intelligence Catalogue cards which have been prepared up to the present. In addition, requests from intelligence agencies for information from German documents on specific subjects, or surveys of such documents as a potential source for required data may be addressed to Foreign Documents Branch through Office of Collection and Dissemination.

4. It is requested that IAC concurrence be obtained for this change.

**ACTION CANCELLED ON
THIS BY MUTUAL ^{SIGNED} CONSENT**
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